## ORDINANCE 2002-07 WARRICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Ordinance To Permit Auditor To Pay Utility Bills and Credit Card Charges Prior To Approval Of Claim

WHEREAS: Utility Bills for Warrick County, Indiana and some of its agencies are due and payable prior to approval for payments by the Board of Commissioners, and

WHEREAS: Charges to credit cards of Warrick County, Indiana and its agencies are in certain instances due and payable prior to approval by the Board of Commissioners, and

WHEREAS: Late payment fees, interest and service charges are being added to such utility bills and credit card charges by reason of failure to make payments thereof by the respective dates, and

WHEREAS: The Board of Commissioners understand it can by ordinance permit timely payment of such claims to avoid payment of additional sums.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County, Indiana, as follows:

- 1. The Auditor of Warrick County, Indiana is directed to make payment of utility bills prior to due date upon informal approval by the Board of Commissioners.
- 2. The Auditor of Warrick County, Indiana is directed to make payment of credit card charges prior to due date upon informal approval by the Board of Commissioners.
- 3. Claims for utility bills and for credit card charges so paid shall be advertised in the same manner and at the same time as other claims for payment by Warrick County, Indiana.
- 4. The Warrick County Board of Commissioners shall approve claims for payment of utility bills and credit card charges so paid at the same time and in the same manner as they approve payment of other claims.
- 5. This ordinance is adopted by virtue of IC 36-2-6-4.5 which specifically provides that a county executive may adopt an ordinance allowing money to be disbursed for lawful county purposes under this section and further provides that notwithstanding IC 5-11-10 with the prior written approval of the board having jurisdiction over the allowance of claims, the county auditor may make claim payments in advance of board allowance for certain kinds of expenses including, but not limited to utility payments or utility connection charges and expenses

described in an ordinance provided that such expenses are supported by a fully itemized invoice or bill and certification by the county auditor and further provided that the county executive or county board having jurisdiction over the allowance of the claim shall review and allow the claim at its next regular or special meeting following the pre-approved payment of the expense and that such payment of expenses under this section must be published in the manner provided under IC 36-2-6-3.

Adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County, Indiana, this \_\_\_\_\_\_day of August, 2002.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WARRICK COUNTY, INDIANA

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ATTEST:

Richard I. Kixmiller, Auditor